

- 1** NSW - Pray for the volunteers working on the Gladstone Uniting Church which started in late February. Pray that the team is large enough to complete the work scheduled.
- 2** TAS - Pray for our time at Geneva Christian School, Interlaken, for lovely weather, and a blessed week with Darrel House before he moves to South Australia with his wife Glenys.
- 3** NSW - Pray for the team at Taree Wesleyan Methodist Church - that everyone stays safe and healthy on the worksite and that God is glorified in everything we do.
- 4** QLD - Pray for the project at Maleny Baptist beginning March 4th, pray for the team as they work together. Pray for the right amount of volunteers to come on the next few painting projects around Brisbane. Thank God for new people expressing interest in helping out.
- 5** NSW - Praise God for our volunteers. We pray for more tradies and handymen to join our ranks. We also ask for more team leaders and volunteers who are willing to take on pastoral care, dinner administrator and prayer coordinator roles on our management committee.
- 6** BUILD-A-BOND- Pray for Ian and others on the team as they prepare for the new building project at St James Anglican, Darwin.
- 7** Pray for Geoff Jarvis as he organises a team of volunteers to undertake the Southern Safari. Pray for a team that has all the expertise required to undertake the tasks ahead, for safety as they travel and joy in service on the job.
- 8** WA - Pray for Trevor and Karen Beard's niece who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer at the age of 41. Pray for her family and friends as they support her, that they will be comforted by God's presence and peace.

- 9** Pray for our three dinners coming up in March. In Victoria on the 15th, NSW on the 22nd and QLD on the 29th. Pray for high attendance, a greater awareness of the work of MMM and wonderful fellowship.
- 10** Pray for the organising committee of our 50th Anniversary to be held in Victoria, 3rd- 5th October this year. Pray that this will be a real celebration of seeing God at work through MMM over the last 50 years.
- 11** Praise God for the wonderful history of growth that has provided MMM with the properties we now hold. We ask for God's blessing and wisdom on how to be good stewards of what we have and to bless us to create greater capacity to cover this vast country.
- 12** TAS - Praise God for blessing MMM Tasmania with Darrel and Glenys House for more than a decade. Pray that their move to Adelaide will go smoothly.
- 13** Pray for Gary & Hilary Brewer as they organise a team of volunteers to undertake the Northern Safari. Pray for a team with experience and expertise to carry out the necessary work. Pray for the scheduling of jobs, that volunteers will have time to explore as well as work, and rest between projects. Pray for the eight communities to be served will be impacted by the work, and that materials will be ready, roads passable, permits and approvals finalised in time.
- 14** Pray for Palita in Thailand as she has a break from her work with MMM, pray that it is a time of refreshing and renewal. Praise God for her and the great support she is to her family.

- 15** TAS- Pray for Village Church in Devonport. This is a relatively new and growing church that has recently purchased an old nursery to convert to a church. We are assisting where possible. Pray for things to run smoothly with Council, with the different trades and groups that are working together to do the renovations, and for the church as they reach out into their community.
- 16** WA - Pray for connections made at the Keswick Convention late in February through the MMM Australia stand, pray that they will bring growth to our work in WA.
- 17** QLD - Praise God for the progress made on the boat project we did for Restore Mission. Pray for Angus (CEO) as he continues working on the boat aiming to have it finished by the end of the year.
- 18** Pray for the Board as they work together to lead MMM. Pray that God will give them energy, and enthusiasm for their paid employment and for their guidance of MMM. Pray for their protection personally and also for their families.
- 19** WA - Give thanks for the new ministries that have recently enquired about the work of MMM. We pray for additional volunteers to rise up and 'serve those who serve'.
- 20** Pray for James Lacey, our CEO, that God would continue to give him insight and strategy in how to strengthen and build on what we have as an organisation. Pray for wisdom as he moves the organisation forward into a new season and with a heart to draw in new generations.

Exodus 36 v 2 (NIV)

"And (the Lord through) Moses summoned every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work.."

Volunteers

As I'm compiling the prayer points for the next PrayerForce, one word keeps leaping out at me, **Volunteers!**

Our volunteers are the heart of MMM. MMM can't do what it does without you. If we don't have volunteers, we don't have MMM!

So where did volunteering originate? Is it important to God?

"So Moses put out a call (my words) to Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning", Exodus 36 v 2-3.

The second book of the Old Testament mentions in great detail, how the people of Israel were called to offer their skills and resources. And what I find quite remarkable about this passage is that people responded in droves! In verses 6 and 7 of the same passage, Moses puts the word out to the people again..... to stop! They now had more than enough skills and resources to get the job done!

That's an awesome problem to have.

So yes, volunteering has always been at the heart of God's work. There are many ways to worship God, and I believe volunteering is one of them.

Can I encourage you with this knowledge today, that when you volunteer in any capacity, with your offering big or small, you are blessing God and the people you are serving.

Everything we have originates from God, so why wouldn't we want to offer it back as a blessing to Him.

God bless you in all your volunteering over the coming days and years.

Barb Graham

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MMM Fiji

Pray for MMM Fiji as they continue to battle termites, and the resulting need to build differently to discourage them. Termites are a relatively new problem in Fiji and causing widespread devastation. Pray for the Fiji Government to implement better building practices and the supply of termite resistant building materials.

Pray for the purchase of Oasis Farm as a permanent centre for MMM Fiji. Pray that the new lease will allow for the Ministry's future building needs.

Pray that the ministries who most need the support of MMM will have the finances available to make the projects happen, and that God will bring along the right people to do the work.

MMM New Zealand

Praise God for the appointment of the new MMM New Zealand Director, Steven Senn, and Administrator, Jeanette Russell, and that their training is now underway.

Pray for the MMM New Zealand team as they adjust to new leadership after Howard and Ave step aside following 13 years in their roles.

MMM Zambia

Pray for MMM South Africa as they look at being involved in some potential projects in Rwanda. Requirements for the projects came together last year and after approaching eMi, two project trips to Rwanda have been organized for 20-29 March and 28 March - 5 April. MMM South Africa will have representatives on each of the trips. Pray for the supply of skilled people to be involved in the projects. The needs are for assistance with Architecture (Healthcare), Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Surveying, Structural Engineering and other specialties (surveying).



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